

morgan, Cornwall and two in Yorkshire, captured between late July and October. This record from Northamptonshire is therefore considerably earlier in the year than previous British captures, following a period of mild weather in April. The locality is near Warkton, Kettering (SP 890800) where the river is about 4m. wide. — I. F. G. McLEAN, Nature Conservancy Council, 19/20 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PY.

MEIGENIA DORSALIS MG. (DIPT.: TACHINIDAE): AN ECOLOGICAL NOTE. — I took a male of this rather uncommon fly (= *M. pilosa* Baran.) from a shrub in my garden here on 9th Sept. 1978, which was only much later found (on the basis of the genital forceps) to differ from the larger form (*bisignata* Mg.) of the common *M. mutabilis* Fall. I suspected it to be *M. dorsalis*, and Mr. E. A. Fonseca has kindly confirmed this by comparison with a specimen in his collection checked by the late Dr. F. I. van Emden.

According to van Emden (1954, *Handb. Ident. Brit. Ins.*, 10 (4a): 61), the present species has been bred from the leaf-beetle *Phytodecta rufipes* Deg. — the only host record given for it. This, however, appears unlikely to be the usual, still less the sole, host. For one thing, the fly is said (*l.c.*) to occur "especially on chalk", while *P. rufipes* lives on aspens in woods; and for another, neither this beetle nor any of its congeners is to be found in the vicinity of my garden. It may be that *M. dorsalis* really has as wide a host-range as its very close ally *M. mutabilis*. But if not, and if Chrysomelidae are indeed the main family in question, then a most likely host in this instance is *Crioceris asparagi* L., whose larvae had been rather plentiful on an asparagus plant quite near where the fly was caught. This is made still more probable by the inclusion of Criocerinae among the host records (*l.c.*) for *M. mutabilis*. — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

THE STRIPED HAWKMOTH: HYLES LINEATA LIVORNICA ESPER IN SOUTH DEVON. — On 11th June, 1980, a large specimen of this moth in mint condition, was found resting on the base of the m.v.l. bulb in the trap. Weather was overcast with night temperature about 55°F. — H. L. O'HEFFERNAN, c/o 15 Green Park Way, Chillington, Kingsbridge TQ7 2HY, S. Devon.

THE STRIPED HAWKMOTH: HYLES LINEATA LIVORNICA ESPER IN KENT. — A good specimen of this moth turned up in the trap here on the 26th June, 1980. It was a cool, wet windy night with the wind in the W. or N.W. — J. E. OWEN, Eastbridge House, Dymchurch, Kent TN29 0HZ.

CORRECTION. — In "Six Further New Butterflies from Southern Africa" by C. G. C. Dickson, on p.43 line 5 read "*mijburghi*" for "*mijiburghi*", and in line 8 read "Mijburgh" for "Mijurgh". The insect's name was correctly spelt in an earlier part of the paper (at p.1), so there can be no question about its validity.